

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction of the following inventions:

Group I. Claims 1-13 and 39-52 drawn to methods and apparatuses for call admission control classified in Class 379, Subclass 243.

Group II. Claims 14-38 and 53-79 drawn to methods and apparatuses for performing bookkeeping in a communications system classified in Class 370, Subclass 230.

In order to comply with the Examiner's requirement, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I directed to claims 1-13 and 39-52 for prosecution in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to non-elected claims 14-38 and 53-79 at a later date, if so desired. This requirement for a restriction is respectfully traversed for at least the reasons set forth below.

Applicant traverses the Restriction Requirement on the basis that the Examiner has not established a substantial burden for requiring a restriction. In particular, Applicant believes that because each of the two inventions are classified in a similar class that it would not be unduly burdensome on the Examiner to examine both inventions in the present application.

For the above stated reason, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding restriction/election requirement and favorable allowance of all claims in the instant application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact John E. Curtin at 703-668-8046 to discuss this application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE, PLC

By _____

John E. Curtin, Reg. No. 37,602
P.O. Box 8910
Reston, VA 20195
(703) 668-8000

JEC:psy